**FRIEND CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES-REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 3, 2021**

Mayor Knoke called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Advanced notice of the meeting was given by publication in The Sentinel, the appointed method for giving advanced notice. All proceedings shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Judith Knoke presided, and City Clerk John R. Schwab recorded the proceedings. The following Councilmembers were present: Kristen Milton, David Sladek, Jeremy Collier, and Shane Stutzman. A quorum being present, and the meeting duly convened, the following proceedings were had and done.

Mayor Knoke lead the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

As required by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Mayor Knoke announced that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act has been posted on the south door of the City Hall meeting room for all in attendance to review.

Mayor Knoke moved the business of Jake Clouse and Kory Kahlandt to discuss the City’s property insurance. It was proposed to change the agents to Friend Insurance with no changes to the premium or coverage of insurance. It was moved by Collier and seconded by Milton to allow the Mayor to sign a request of change of servicer to Friend Insurance. On roll call voting aye, Stutzman, Sladek, Collier, and Milton. Nays none

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Paul and Carol Johansen were in attendance to make comment on the agenda item of Annexation of their property. They questioned why the council was revisiting the annexation when a previous vote was taken. It was explained that there had been a mistake with the previous vote, the meeting minutes would be amended to correct the mistake and that the council could revisit the issue as it deems necessary

Motion by Collier, seconded by Stutzman, to amend the Minutes of the July 6, 2021, Regular Meeting to state motion failed in reference to the annexation. On roll call voting aye Milton, Sladek, Stutzman, and Milton nays none.

Motion by Stutzman seconded by Milton to accept the Treasurers report as presented. On roll call voting ayes Collier, Sladek, Milton, and Stutzman nays none.

Hospital Financial Report was tabled until next month as no report was available. Motion by Stutzman seconded by Collier to table the Hospital Financial Report. On roll call voting ayes Milton, Stutzman, Sladek, and Collier nays none.

Motioned by Milton, seconded by Collier, that payroll and claims be approved after review, by the claims committee, and be allowed, and the Clerk instructed to issue warrants on the respective funds to pay same. On roll call voting ayes Collier, Stutzman, Milton, and Sladek nays none.

It was moved by Collier seconded by Milton to renew the adoption and request a 3rd reading of Ordinance 21-775. On roll call voting ayes Milton, and Collier nays Sladek, abstain Stutzman. Knoke aye

Proposed Ordinance No. 21-775 was read by title, by Mayor Knoke. 3rd reading of 3.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-775**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA, TO ANNEX TERRITORY COMPRISING CONTIGUOUS AND ADJACENT LANDS, LOTS, STREETS, AND HIGHWAYS WHICH ARE URBAN OR SUBURBAN IN CHARACTER IN SUCH DIRECTIONS AS IS DEEMED PROPER TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY, THE EXACT BOUNDARIES OF WHICH ARE DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A ATTACHED HERETO; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH ANNEXATION... *(A complete copy is available for review at City Hall during regular office hours.)*

Motion by Milton, seconded by Collier to approve Ordinance No. 21-775 To annex Certain properties in Corporate Limits (legal description of proposed properties to annex available upon request at City Hall). On roll call voting aye Collier, Milton, nays Sladek, abstain Stutzman. Knoke aye.

Motion by Stutzman seconded by Sladek to waive the three readings of Ordinance. On roll call voting ayes Sladek, Milton, Stutzman, and Collier, nays none

**ORDINANCE NO. 21- 776**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 71 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA, RELATED TO THE USE AND OPERATION OF GOLF CAR VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; TO INCLUDE UTILITY TASK VEHICLES AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES; TO DEFINE THE HOURS AND CONDITIONS OF OPERATION; TO DEFINE THE MINIMUM AGE OF DRIVERS OF SUCH VEHICLES; TO REPEAL ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. *(A complete copy is available for review at City Hall during regular office hours.)*

Motion by Collier seconded by Sladek to approve Ordinance 21-776. On roll call voting ayes Milton, Stutzman, Collier, and Sladek, nays none

Mayor Knoke reported on behalf of the Friend Community Healthcare System. The Mayor reported the updates of the progress being made at the Hospital. She also discussed the issue of transportation for family or patients.

Building Inspector Mark Stutzman reported on permits that were issued. Had discussion on the use of the downtown are as living quarters.

Fire Chief Brent Milton, and Assistant Fire Chief Stan Krause discussed the cost of new Fire Hall, and possible design of Fire Hall. Council members Collier and Sladek will serve on committee to meet with Rural Fire Board to plan the new Fire Hall.

Mayor Knoke moved the business of Jim Ryan CRA midyear financial report. Mr. Ryan presented the Occupation tax report. Motion by Stutzman seconded by Sladek to accept the report and have the Mayor sign. On roll call voting ayes Collier, Sladek, Milton, and Stutzman, nays none. Mr. Ryan then presented the TIF midyear cash statement. Motion by Stutzman seconded by Milton to accept the report and have the Mayor sign. On roll call voting ayes Sladek, Stutzman, Collier, and Milton, nays none.

Police Chief, Shawn Gray, reported he is attending a class for CPR AED instructor provided by the Nebraska Safety Council as part of his continuing education. The Chief is purchasing an CPR/AED kit costing $1400 to allow training to be conducted.

Kristen Milton provided the Council with an update on the pool. The following were covered in her report:

* Last day of pool operations is Aug. 15th, 2021.
* Carrothers will come and help the Public Works employees with the shutdown of the pool
* The Committee will hold and end of year meeting with the Pool manager
* The Fence will be here Thursday

Billy Baugh, Public Works supervisor gave his report. The following items were included:

- ARPA grants funds were deposited

- Purchase of underground sprinkler system for the pool at the cost of $8080.00. Motion by Collier seconded by Stutzman to allow the purchase of the sprinkler system. On roll call voting ayes Milton, Collier, Stutzman, and Sladek, nays none.

- Recycling bin service will be ending Aug 4.

City Clerk John R. Schwab reported on the following items.

* Update on the time clocks. Technician will be here on Wednesday to get them operational
* 30 X 30 Land Grab Governors Request information was given.
* LARM Insurance information was given
* A budget workshop was discussed and August 22, 2021, is the date set for the workshop.
* Contract for website hosting due. Motion by Stutzman seconded by Collier to renew contract with Filament Essential Services for website hosting. On roll call voting ayes Collier, Sladek, Stutzman, and Milton, nays none.

Discussion was held regarding the correspondence from Saline County Aging Service asking for financial support of $2486.25. Motion by Stutzman seconded by Collier to pay the request. On roll call voting ayes Sladek, Collier, Milton, and Stutzman nays none.

Discussion of report from Saline County Area Transit. The yearly report and funding report was presented. Motion by Sladek seconded by Milton to pay the City’s portion of $2329. On roll call voting ayes Stutzman, Milton, Collier, and Sladek nays none.

Discussion of Conflict-of-Interest waiver for city Attorney Katie Spohn to represent owners of the Daisy Queen property. Motion by Sladek seconded by Collier to have the Mayor sign the waiver. On roll call voting ayes Milton , Collier, Sladek, and Stutzman, nays none.

No further business to come before the City Council, motion was made by Stutzman, seconded by Milton, to adjourn the meeting. On roll call voting aye, Collier, Milton, Sladek and Stutzman. Nays none. Motion carried. meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Judith K. Knoke, Mayor

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John R. Schwab, City Clerk

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Friend, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Council on August 3, 2021; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted and were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Friend, Nebraska will meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021,** at the City Hall which meeting will be open to the public. Agenda for said meeting is kept current and is available in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours. Request to be on the agenda must be in the City Clerk's office 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

John R. Schwab, City Clerk